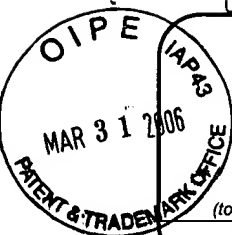


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Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
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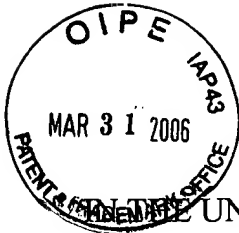
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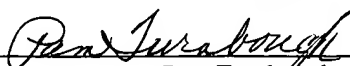
In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 6, 2006, a response which is due April 6, 2006, in this application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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